



# Uttoreter Girls' High School CHRONICLE.

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"Non uni sed omnibus."

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MY DEAR GIRLS,

At last the School is safely established in its new home, and has had a term during which to enjoy the luxury of having plenty of room. Present girls will know, and Old Girls will appreciate all that this means to us, and in this connection I cannot do better than remind you of the beautiful quotation from Plato which Miss Powell read to us at the Prize Giving in November: "No sign of meanness or ungracefulness is to be allowed in our buildings, lest our young men and women should insensibly accumulate evil from them. But they should be surrounded by all that is fair and graceful, that dwelling as it were in a healthful region they may drink in good from every quarter . . . and may be won imperceptibly even in childhood into remembrance, love and harmony with the true beauty of reason."

A good deal still remains to be done, particularly in order that we may have suitable playing-fields, for the ground which is eventually to form the playing-pitch needs considerable improvement. Thanks to the kind generosity of our friends the Sale of Work, which was held in the summer to raise funds, was a great success. Our House system has greatly developed during the year and a House Shield, the gift of several friends of the School, was awarded for the first time last summer to the Champion House. Old Girls will have heard that successes or failures in every sphere of school activity count for or against the House to which a girl belongs. The results of the past year's work have shown very clearly that each individual effort helps towards the collective success of the whole House.

Several changes have occurred lately on the Staff. At Easter Miss Snow left us. She was married in June, and we are glad that she has settled not very far away. Her place has been taken by Miss Malvern. Miss Jones also left in order to complete her degree, and Miss Dawson came to teach Science throughout the School. During my absence in the summer term, Miss Gimbert came to give temporary help, and remained until the end of the term. In July Miss Walwyn left, to be succeeded by Miss Hudson. At the same time Miss M. Beck and Miss Ridley resigned their teaching posts, and Miss Smith joined the Staff to take Kindergarten work, Drill and Games. Mr. Rigby now takes the Drawing.

I think you will all agree that the past year has been a time of movement and progress, and that we have been privileged to see some outward sign of the growth of the "tree," which is the School.

A very happy New Year to you all.

Yours affectionately,

H. M. BUDGEN.



## DEBATES.

THE Committee for the current year are as follows :

PRESIDENT—K. Forrester.      GIRLS' REPRESENTATIVE—J. Wainwright.  
 SECRETARY—M. Critchlow.      STAFF REPRESENTATIVE—Miss Dawson.

The first Debate this year took place on March 1st, when the Present Girls again challenged the Old Girls, the subject being, "That the Age of Chivalry is gone." The opener on the affirmative was D. Stevenson, who brought forward some very strong points. She was ably supported by F. Greeves. Miss R. Prince, who opened on the negative, was very convincing. She was seconded by Miss M. Wood. This Debate was not as successful as the one last year, as only two people spoke when the motion was put before the House. The motion was carried by a majority of twenty-five votes.

On March 29th, an Impromptu Debate was held. The subjects were :—

- (1)—That hobbies are good, not evil.
- (2)—That England ought to reform her spelling.
- (3)—That football is injurious to women.
- (4)—That the modern house is more convenient than the old-fashioned house.
- (5)—That circuses are a form of cruelty to animals.

Although the speakers were quite unprepared, several spoke very well.

On October 25th, another Impromptu Debate took place. The subjects were :—

- (1)—That it is better to come to a Debate and say nothing than to stay away.
- (2)—That the moon is inhabited.
- (3)—That cats should be taxed.
- (4)—That the Daylight Savings Bill is advantageous to England.

In most cases those who were called upon spoke well and sometimes in an amusing way ; but the number of girls present was not satisfactory.

November 22nd was the date fixed for the next Debate. The subject was :— "That this House is of the opinion that the Independence of Ireland ought to be unconditionally recognised." P. Parker, the opener on the affirmative (who was not always audible) was ably supported by F. Bull, in a well thought-out speech. The chief speaker for the negative was J. Wainwright, who was seconded by I. Hewitt. The motion was lost by a majority of fourteen.

At the end of the summer term we lost most of our speakers who were overcoming their self-consciousness, but it is hoped that the present girls will make great efforts to take their places.

J. WAINWRIGHT.

## GAMES.

THE Spring term of 1922 was, as usual, the most exciting term on the Hockey field.

The remaining House Hockey matches were played and the cup was finally awarded to the house of Mars, who were fortunate in scoring the largest number of goals, only beating Jupiter by one goal. After some very exciting games and keen competition between the four Houses, the results were as follows :—

Mars	v.	Neptune	6—4	won by Mars.
Neptune	v.	Jupiter	3—1	„ Jupiter.
Neptune	v.	Apollo	1—0	„ Neptune.
Mars	v.	Jupiter	5—4	„ Jupiter.
Mars	v.	Apollo	1—0	„ Apollo.
Apollo	v.	Jupiter	3—1	„ Jupiter.

Apollo had certainly the strongest team, but as they did not make the best of their abilities they failed.

At last we are settled at the Hall, and we do now possess a field of our own. Although the part on which we are obliged to play at present badly slopes, we are very thankful, and are hoping for still better things in the future.

We began Hockey at the beginning of the Autumn term with the utmost enthusiasm, and although we have lost several of our best players, yet each house is determined to put up a good fight for the Hockey Cup, which will be awarded at the end of next term.

The first two matches have been played with the following results :—

Neptune	v.	Jupiter	5—0	won by Jupiter.
Mars	v.	Apollo	4—0	„ Apollo.

The games have really made great progress during the past year, and we hope that they will continue to do so.

First XI. colours were awarded at the end of the Christmas term to B. Bailey, C. Cartmail, M. Critchlow.

K. M. FORRESTER.

## LECTURE.

ON November 3rd, Miss May Doney came to the School and gave us a lecture on "The Beautiful Gift," by which was meant a right use of the gift of language. Miss Doney reminded us that words are living, they feed us and others upon the truth and beauty and love and goodness; they are jewels that change into shining bits of food directly we open our minds and spirits to take them in.

Miss Doney said we could best describe good citizenship by saying that to be a good citizen is very much like being a beautiful word—it is having one's own real meaning



in one's own right place in one's own particular bit of the big world. Everyone who is a good citizen, by taking her own proper part in her own home-life and in the common life of others, is, one might say, a sort of "living word." It is of very real importance that we should use true and beautiful words every time we open our mouths to speak, for we cannot very well be in the habit of using words rightly and beautifully without growing a little bit more beautiful in our own hearts; which, in itself, must make us better citizens. It is Poetry that helps us to love as well as to wonder at, what is beautiful, by thrilling us, waking us up—to see and hear and feel all that is around.

We can also think of the "beautiful gift" of speech as the bright, two-edged sword of the words which come fearlessly from the heart and from the mouth to slay evil—the sword of the mind and the mouth, which is sharp with the knowledge of what is right and what is wrong, without any quibbling about it to dull its edge.

Miss Doney, in the course of her lecture, read several poems to us, among which were two of her own.

M. CRITCHLOW.

## SPORTS.

ON May 15th, this year, we had the pleasure of holding our Annual Sports, for the first time, on the Hall field. The weather was far from seasonable; but after a stormy morning, the clouds held up until the end of the afternoon.

The races were divided into three sections :—Senior, Junior, and Preparatory.

A cup was awarded in the Senior and Junior division to the girl who gained the highest number of points.

In the Senior division M. Brown distinguished herself by winning the 220 yards flat race, and also four others.

One of the most exciting events was the Flag race, in which the Houses competed; it was won by Jupiter, Mars coming in a good second.

In the Preparatory division, J. Babb won the highest number of points.

Among other events were the Obstacle and Flower-pot races. The former was very exciting, not to say amusing. Towards the end, the girls with the dabs of flour on their faces, made heroic efforts to sing "God save the King." The race was won by N. Lee.

The latter race was watched in silence, because the competitors needed to concentrate on their flower pots. The ordeal is a trying one, needing presence of mind and steady balancing. The Senior race was won by M. Brown and B. Bailey, who tied in a dead-heat, and the Junior by B. Ordidge.

There was also an Egg and Spoon race for visitors, and this was won by Miss H. Stevenson. Miss Knights Smith and Mrs. Hadfield came in second at a dead-heat.

In the Senior Chariot race a very amusing incident occurred. Two horses galloped to the wrong end of the field dragging their driver with them, and were surprised to find, on enquiry, that they had not won.

After the marks had been totalled, the Junior Cup was found to have been won by V. Shaw, and the Senior Cup by M. Brown, belonging respectively to Apollo and Jupiter.

The prizes, some of which were kindly given by generous friends, were distributed by Lady Florence Duncombe.

I. CRITCHLOW.

## THE SALE OF WORK.

ON June 21st, the School held a Sale of Work in the Hall Grounds. The Sale should have been opened at 2.30 by the Honourable Mrs. Gretton, but, owing to a delay, Mrs. Bunting very kindly took her place. We were very glad to have Mrs. Gretton with us later in the day. The Vicar, after judging the House gardens, relieved the anxiety of an anxious crowd by declaring the winner. The Apollo garden was easily first, and showed that it had been tended by skilful and enthusiastic gardeners. The Vicar also gave us some helpful gardening hints. Afterwards, the visitors dispersed to the various stalls, which included the following:—

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STALL—Miss Dawson.

FANCY STALL—Miss Hankinson, Miss M. Watson and Miss K. Orme.

PLAIN STALL—Miss Bence.

POUND STALL—Miss M. Beck and Miss H. Stevenson.

SECOND-HAND STALL—Miss Walwyn.

SWEET STALL—Miss A. Speechly and Miss N. Walker.

REFRESHMENT STALL—Miss Beck, Miss Poole, Miss Kent and Miss Wood.

Besides the stalls, there was the Witch's Cave, D. Reid being the witch; and a show of pets. Within doors there were other attractions in the shape of competitions, etc., supervised by Miss Malvern.

In the afternoon the forms gave exhibitions of dancing and singing, and the same were repeated in the evening, followed by an exhibition of "Waxworks," performed by "Mars."

Our Sale of Work proved to be very successful, but Miss Budgen's presence was deeply missed by everybody.

The object of the sale was to raise money for the levelling and fencing of the Hockey Field, and great was our satisfaction and delight when it was found that the proceeds amounted to over £115.

P. PARKER.



## PRIZE GIVING.

THE School held its third annual Prize Giving on December 1st, in our Assembly Hall. Owing to Miss Budgen's illness in July, it had been postponed until the Autumn Term, when it was decided that it would be better to avoid having two public prize distributions in one school year by having a private one.

Betty Hadfield, one of the youngest girls in the Lower School, presented a big bunch of violets to Miss Powell, who kindly came to give away the prizes.

Miss Budgen said how pleased we were to have Miss Powell with us, and how very fitting it was that Miss Powell, who calls herself the "Grandmother of our school," should come to our first prize giving at "The Hall," and that it should be a private one.

The Prize list was as follows :

## FORM PRIZES—

III. b. R. Allport, E. DeVile.	IV. a. I. Prince.
III. a. M. Bull, P. Webster.	V. b. F. Bull.
IV. b. C. Cartmail, N. Francis, S. Harper.	V. a. H. Green, M. Prince.

## LANGUAGES—

H. Tatlow.	BOTANY—D. Stevenson.
	MATHEMATICS—F. Greeves.

## SCRIPTURE—

III. a. M. Bull.	IV. a and b. M. Green.
	V. a and b. M. Critchlow.

## DRAWING—

Lower School E. DeVile.	IV. b and III. a. H. Forshaw.
	V. b and IV. a W. Sheppard.

## FRENCH—

Senior H. Green (passed on to K. Forrester).	Junior M. Green.
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## MUSIC—

Sight-reading M. Carson.	Term work P. Martin.
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## GEOGRAPHY (presented by E. M. Mellor, Esq.)—

Senior H. Green.	Junior H. Wood.
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## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (presented by the Old Girls)—

H. Tatlow.

HOLIDAY COMPETITIONS (presented by Miss Budgen, Miss Beck, Miss Dawson, and the School)—

M. Critchlow.

I. Hewitt.

K. Forrester.

K. Wainwright.

G. Phillips.

MUSIC CERTIFICATES—

Lower Division

P. Martin and P. Parker.

Primary Divssion

N. Lee.

} (all with Distinction).

HOUSE AWARDS—

Garden Cup      June, 1922      Apollo.

Hockey Cup      1921-22      Mars.

Drill Cup      1921-22      Apollo.

House Shield      1921-22      Mars.

Miss Powell said how delighted she was to see us in our new building, surrounded by the beauties of nature; but reminded us that "walls do not make a city," but, nevertheless, that surroundings do make a difference to us, and that the fact that we live in a clean, bright building should help us to live clean, bright lives. Miss Powell went on to name a few of the advantages of school life generally, and what it does for us all, asking us, among other things, to put our backs into the subjects we find most difficult, especially Latin; and not to be too ready to give them up.

Miss Powell emphasised specially the work of school life in the training of character, saying that its whole aim was to produce the right kind of people; but at the same time to preserve individuality—in this all must help.

Miss Powell also said that the qualities with which we are not naturally endowed, we must try to possess, and even if we achieve little, to remember that it is worth while. The green fields and surrounding country should tempt us out of doors, and she asked us to spend the holidays and spare time out of doors as much as possible, that the beauty of nature may pass into our lives and make them more beautiful.

Forms IV. a and b then sang *Handel's* "Lascia Ch' Io Pianga," and Forms VI. and V. a and b sang "Dawn of Spring," from *Mendelssohn*, and "It was a Lover and his Lass."

At the end of the afternoon Miss Budgen, on behalf of the school, thanked Miss Powell very much for coming, and cheers were given by the School for Miss Powell and Miss Budgen.

F. M. BULL.



## HOUSE ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE House Entertainments, which have become annual events, have this year shown us that considerable dramatic talent may lie dormant in the School.

Last February, Jupiter arranged an evening concert for the purpose of lessening the deficit on the "Chronicle" fund. The programme consisted of Pianoforte Solos, Recitations, and two Dramatic Sketches, entitled "Babes in the Wood," and "A Scene from 'The Mill on the Floss.'" The collection amounted to £1.

On December 11th, Apollo gave a delightfully dainty play, entitled "Dresden China." The chief features in this were very pretty dances, minuets, and other figures, danced by V. Garwood, W. Blore, M. Ford and B. Lamb—Dresden China people. Much credit is due to Apollo for this play, and they are justly proud of its composer, Miss Malvern, who took the part of the Dresden China lady. The Prologue and Epilogue were composed and said by M. Critchlow, who was dressed as Apollo. The collection, which amounted to £1 4s. Od., was in aid of the Cadet (Rifleman Valliant), whom the House have adopted for one year, in response to an appeal from the Lieutenant-Colonel of the battalion.

I. HEWITT.

## GIRL GUIDES.

IN January, 1922, our Company consisted of fourteen girls, which number was augmented in July by the enrolment of a new recruit. Since then five girls have left School, and no longer attend the meetings, much to the regret of all. We have now, however, several recruits ready for enrolment, and are hoping that still more will join our Company in the coming year.

On February 21st, a Rally was held in Uttoxeter. The Guides were inspected by Mrs. Wardle, our County Commissioner, and in the entertainment which followed, the item for which Company I. was responsible was a short Drill display.

We were sorry to say good-bye, at the end of the Summer term, to Miss Ridley, who has so ably captained the Company for two years; and at the same time are glad to welcome Miss Smith as our Lieutenant.

Miss M. Beck has regretfully resigned her position as Brown Owl, owing to the pressure of other duties, the work being taken up by Hope Tatlow, who still occasionally attends the Guide Meetings.

We have had a comparatively quiet year, but the girls have worked steadily. Florence Greeves succeeded in obtaining her first-class, and six other Guides their second-class badges, whilst twenty-four proficiency badges have been gained by the Company.

N. D. (*acting Captain*).

## PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

LONDON MATRICULATION, June, 1922 : D. Stevenson.

CAMBRIDGE SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION, July, 1922 : Passed—K. Forrester, H. Green,  
P. Parker, M. Prince, H. Stonehouse, H. Wainwright.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY :

Division 3.—P. Parker.

Division 2.—Six girls, five of whom obtained honours.

Division 1.—Sixteen girls, all of whom obtained honours.

Preparatory Division.—Eleven girls, nine of whom obtained honours.

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF R.A.M. and R.C.M., November, 1922 :

Higher Division.—P. Martin.

## THE PAGEANT.

ON December 15th and 16th, a Pageant, representing "Children through the Centuries," was given in the Town Hall, various town societies being responsible for the scenes, which depicted many different aspects of child-life.

The Pageant was in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society. A silent appeal for this object was made by a tableau, in which Miss Budgen represented Mother Church receiving the children.

Our School opened the second half of the programme with a very lively scene depicting an old English Fair, and while some of the children were playing games, others were shown buying pies from the pie-man (Miss Smith), or apples from the old applewoman (Miss Beck), or gewgaws from the pedlar (Miss M. Beck), and the jester (Miss Dawson) was performing his antics. Suddenly everything was interrupted by the entrance of a performing bear (E. Martin) led by his keeper (Miss Hankinson). This sagacious animal caused mirth and tremors by turning somersaults, catching buns, and performing other tricks. This scene was arranged by Miss Malvern, and helped by other members of the staff.

F. BULL.

## MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL NEWS.

### SPRING TERM.

JANUARY 13TH.—The Fancy Dress Christmas parties, which had been postponed from the end of the Christmas term, were held. The Lower School came to tea, and the Upper School later in the evening. It would be difficult to enumerate the costumes, there were so many original and ingenious ones. The rooms were decorated by the Prefects.



We played games in the Staff-room and dining-room, danced in the school-room, and had supper in the garden class-rooms. We ended a very pleasant evening by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.—The School was inspected by Inspectors from the Board of Education.

FEBRUARY 28TH.—The School had a whole holiday in honour of Princess Mary's wedding.

MARCH 3RD.—Miss Line, of the Church of England Zenana Mission, visited us and gave an address on work among women and girls in India.

MARCH 31ST.—A School party was taken to Derby by Miss Bence to hear a lecture on "Allenby in Palestine."

APRIL 5TH.—Mrs. Albright came and talked to us on the work in the famine-stricken areas of Central Russia. After her departure, a collection was made and the sum of £7 was sent up in aid of the "Save the Children," Fund.

APRIL 10TH.—(1) *Scale Competition*—Forms VI. and IV. b gained an equal number of marks and drew for the prize, a picture given by Miss Snow, Form VI. being the winner. (2) *End of Term Recitations*—It was decided by the Staff that the best performance was given by Form IV. a, who acted a scene from "Julius Cæsar," which was followed by a French recitation given by I. Hewitt.

### SUMMER TERM.

JUNE 15TH.—Music sight-reading tests were held, and the prize was gained by Muriel Carson.

JUNE 29TH.—We again celebrated the School birthday by a picnic to Bagot's Park. As usual our rooms were decorated with roses, but we found it difficult to enter into the spirit of the day because Miss Budgen was not with us. Soon after Prayers a telegram came from her with birthday wishes for the School, which cheered us all up. Anxious eyes watched the clouds all the morning, and the question was, "Shall we go if it rains?" In spite of threatening showers we decided to go. A number of us cycled, but most of us drove and arrived almost dry. The rain had been so heavy that we could not have tea in the Park; but the kind people at the Farm cleared a coach-house for us, where tea was laid, and we sat in the garden on planks, stools, macintoshes, anything dry, and enjoyed the fun. All at once a car drove up bringing Miss Budgen. We all stood breathless with surprise for a moment, and then we all clapped as hard as we could, we were so glad to see her again. She stayed until tea was over, and sang "Auld Lang Syne" with us. This year we gave no birthday present to the School because all our energies were concentrated on our Sale of Work.

JULY 24TH.—The Flower Show was held on this day. We had originally intended to make this a more important event, but its glories were dimmed by the Sale of Work. Mrs. Daniel very kindly acted as judge and gave away the prizes, which were awarded as follows:—Senior—D. Reid. J. Cartwright; Junior—V. Shaw.

## AUTUMN TERM.

OCTOBER 31ST.—The usual Sale of Work, in aid of the Church Missionary Society, was held in the Town Hall. Owing to the many calls on the School through the year, we were not able to do as much as we should have liked, but a small stall was provided by the School, which realised the sum of £14 10s. 5d.

NOVEMBER 21ST.—A School party went to Denstone College to see "Macbeth." The performance was much appreciated by all, as was also the kind hospitality extended to us.

NOVEMBER 27TH.—The School was honoured by an unexpected visit from the Bishop of Lichfield. We were specially glad that his visit occurred during the School's first term in its new home, and we shall always look back on it with pleasure. He spoke to Staff and girls in the Assembly Room, and afterwards read some of our School Prayers. Before he left he asked that the School might have a half-holiday.

DECEMBER 12TH, 13TH, AND 19TH.—In response to an appeal from St. Dunstan's, a Carol party of Staff and girls, which had been formed, went out on these evenings and visited the houses of friends. Nearly £4 was collected for the St. Dunstan's After-care Committee.

DECEMBER 18TH.—A House Drill Competition was held. Each House provided a Junior and a Senior team, and the highest number of marks was gained by Neptune.

DECEMBER 19TH.—A House Singing Competition was held. The songs, which were unaccompanied, were, "Drink to me only with thine eyes" (unison), and "Now is the month of maying" (in two parts). Each House choir chose its own conductor, by whom it was entirely trained, without any suggestion from any member of the staff. The competition was won by Neptune whose choir was conducted by K. Forrester.

DECEMBER 20TH.—The Christmas party was held under difficulties. Owing to workmen's alterations in the electric plant we had no light, and should have been in darkness by tea-time if innumerable candles in glasses all over the school had not relieved the situation. Thanks to Miss Budgen's precautions, no damage from fire was sustained by anyone but "Billy," Neptune's Mascot, whose tail she accidentally singed. We were obliged to make it a late afternoon function instead of an evening event, but we were determined not to forego it—our first Christmas in new premises. Soon after tea and crackers we sang "Auld Lang Syne" and dispersed.

HEAD GIRLS:—K. Forrester is the Head Girl of the School, and the Heads of the Forms are as follows:

V. a.	V. Garwood.	IV. a.	H. Wood.
V. b.	I. Critchlow.	IV. b.	M. Price.
	III. a.		P. Watkins.

During the Spring and Summer terms the full Prefects were as follows:—  
H. Tatlow, F. Greeves, D. Stevenson, H. Wainwright, M. Prince, D. Reid.



In addition to these the House Prefects were :—

In Apollo—M. Brown and E. Sampson, replaced by N. Lee.

In Jupiter—J. Wainwright, joined in the Summer by H. Goodwin.

In Mars—P. Parker.

In Neptune—K. Forrester.

During the Autumn term the full Prefects were :—K. Forrester, V. Garwood, H. Goodwin, P. Parker, J. Wainwright, C. Watson.

The additional House Prefects were :—

In Apollo—A. Hudson, M. Critchlow.

In Mars—H. Stonehouse, B. Bailey.

In Neptune—F. Bull, I. Hewitt.

Good Position Badges have this year been awarded to :

A. Harris.      M. Green.      A. Hudson.      S. Harper.

H. Wood.      V. Garwood.      W. Sheppard.      W. Garwood.

The "Chronicle" Committee for 1922-23 are as follows :—

Editor—Miss Smith.

Staff representative—Miss Beck.

Girls' representatives—M. Critchlow, I. Hewitt.

It is proposed in future to issue the Chronicle at the beginning of the Autumn term, with news of the preceding School year, instead of in January.

### St. DAVID'S CAMP.

LAST August three of us went to St. David's Camp for our holidays. I think it was the jolliest holiday I have ever had. The Camps are for girls over fifteen, and are held every year in different parts of the country. St. David's is in the South of Wales, on the end of the West corner. It is a historical city, and has a most beautiful Cathedral, which was first begun by St. David, who is the patron saint of Wales. There are also the remains of King John's palace, where he held his banquets.

Our journey took us through the hills of Wales, and the scenery was beautiful. Little white villages nestled amongst the woods. We passed through many picturesque country stations, whose names we dared not try to pronounce. We were all on friendly terms soon after we arrived, and quickly fell into the delights of camp life. We had several excursions, and on one we took "Ned," the donkey, to carry the food. But he was obstinate and would not start, so we attempted to push him off, and he went, leaving in the road a broken bottle of milk and a tea pot. But despite "Ned's" nasty temper we had a splendid day.

At St. David's point the cliffs and boulders were magnificent, with the deep blue sea washing round them. It was well worth the climb up the cliffs to feel the cool sea

breezes. Every evening we had a sing-song, and after that we went for a short walk along the cliffs to the sea. On our only wet day we had a Fancy Dress Dance, which was great fun ; many of the costumes creating great mirth.

After we returned from one of the picnics we gave an open-air concert, by special request, to the inhabitants of the town, and we collected over £1, which we gave to the Dean of the Cathedral.

In my opinion School Camps, especially St. David's, make the best holiday any schoolgirl can have.

M. CRITCHLOW.

### CARNARVON CASTLE.

A YEAR ago, during the summer holidays, I went to stay at a little village in North Wales, a few miles from Carnarvon. One day we went to Carnarvon to see the castle, which Edward I. began to build in the year 1283, and in which his eldest son was born. Since this time the eldest son of the King of England has always been called the Prince of Wales. At the time when the castle was built, the sea came right up to it, but since then the sea has receded. Part of the castle is in ruins, but the walls, which are very thick, are still entire. There are a large number of towers, surmounted by turrets in the castle. The door by which you enter, after going up a flight of steps, is made of thick, heavy wood, and across it are bars of iron. The rooms in the castle are of a peculiar round shape, and are very dark and gloomy looking. The staircases are also dark and are spiral. Around the castle are a great many look-out points. Carnarvon Castle is said to be one of the noblest ruins in the kingdom.

BESSIE PRINCE (age 13 years).

### OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

THE Meeting for the Spring Term was held on March 1st. It took the form of a Debate between Old Girls and Present Girls. The motion was : "That the age of chivalry is gone." Proposer : D. Stevenson, seconded by F. Greeves. Opposer : R. Prince, seconded by M. Wood. Details are given elsewhere, but the meeting was a most enjoyable one. It was followed by tea.

In the Summer Term, when all our energies were concentrated on the Sale of Work, we had the pleasure of "meeting" Old Girls, who did so much to make our effort a success, quite often, at various Committee meetings ; and, of course, on the day of the Sale.

We hope very much that next year many Old Girls will be able to join us, both at prayers and at our picnic on June 29th, the School birthday.

The Meeting for the Autumn Term was held on November 29th. Owing to the insufficiency of light, it could not take place at the Hall, so we met once more in the old rooms, rather disappointed and very conscious that we had outgrown the rooms, but very happy, and looking forward to our next meeting, which will be held in the new School. After tea a business meeting was held to elect the committee for the coming year, and to discuss various points. Miss Budgen first thanked the Old Girls for their help in making the Sale of Work in the Summer a success, and explained how the money was intended to be



spent. It was agreed that in future, all who attended the meetings should wear a label with name and date of leaving School. It was decided that, as an experiment for two years, each member of the Society should receive a copy of the Chronicle, and that 1/- per head should be paid from the funds of the Society to the Chronicle fund. The Secretary and the Treasurer were re-elected, and the following Old Girls were chosen as members of the Committee, to hold office until the Autumn Meeting, 1923: R. Prince, H. Tatlow. After the business meeting the time was spent in a paper Fancy-dressmaking Competition. The party divided into equal numbers of dressmakers and models, who worked very happily together. The prize was divided between Miss Malvern and Miss Hankinson, and D. Harper and H. Goodwin, who received an equal number of votes.

A.B.

### OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

#### A "FRESHER'S" IMPRESSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

As it has been found impossible to complete the new buildings so as to accommodate all the 1800 students together, the different faculties have had to separate—we, who belong to the Faculty of Arts, pursue our studies, as the Medical Students do, in the heart of the city; while all branches of the Faculty of Science get their lectures in the new buildings at Edgbaston, into which we, from the city, only penetrate for events of a social nature, or when we enter with quaking hearts and trembling knees that chamber of horrors, the Examination Hall.

With regard to our work—we attend lectures between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., on every day from Monday to Friday, and then, too, we have to put in two or three hours' private study every day, if incessant cramming at the end of the term is to be avoided.

In spite of this, there is plenty of time for varied social activities. A Musical Society holds lectures, recitals and concerts for those who are taking a course of Music or who are interested in one of its branches. A Literary and Dramatic Society gives pleasure to those who possess, or think they possess, histrionic abilities; while the Political and Debating Union specially appeals to budding orators and embryo M.P's and Statesmen. Many other similar societies flourish—far too many to enumerate.

Besides all these gatherings and meetings, socials and dances are held by the different faculties from time to time, and at the beginning of each Christmas term a Fresher's Social is held at Edgbaston, at which old students and new ones become acquainted, and a feeling of camaraderie, together with that *esprit de corps* is established, which helps us to struggle, as our motto has it, "through toil to the heights."

G. W. GOODE.

53, NEWLANDS ROAD,

HIGH WEST JESMOND,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

December 2nd, 1922.

DEAR EDITOR,

I entered Armstrong College last October to work for a Degree in Pure Science. We have lectures in the morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and three afternoons a week we work in the laboratories from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

As a "fresher" you feel rather out of it at first, but only for a short time, as the seniors do all they can to help you. For this reason all the different societies start their meetings with a Social, to which all the "freshers" are specially invited. Now I must tell you about a College "rag."

A short time before the Election, Mr. Lloyd George came to Newcastle to speak. In the morning we all cut lectures and marched to where he was staying, demanding Lloyd George. He came out on the steps and we greeted him with shouts of welcome. Then we marched with his car, down to the Palace where the meeting was to be held, wearing leeks, letting off fireworks and singing songs. After all this we returned to College in time for the last lecture.

Once a year a *Conversazione* is held at Armstrong, when many guests are invited to see experiments performed by the students, to hear their explanations of them, and to see specimens of work done at the College. The next day is "Open-day," when any one may go through the College. This year over 20,000 people passed through during the day.

Armstrong has a very fine sports field of twenty-one acres. In the winter we play hockey and net ball, and tennis courts are being prepared in readiness for next summer.

I will now conclude by sending my love to all my friends, especially to Mars.

F. M. GREEVES.

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SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

ATHOLL CRESCENT,

EDINBURGH,

*December 2nd, 1922.*

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing to tell you a little about our life in the School of Domestic Economy, Edinburgh. All is very interesting, but the first day a new girl enters the Lecture Hall it seems very strange indeed, so different from school. The Hall accommodates a large number of students, there are seats raised in tiers right up to the back of the room.

Attending lectures is not our only work at Atholl Crescent; we clean flues and skin rabbits, ugh! We are taught to cook all sorts of dishes, beginning with the very plainest. We learn dressmaking, knitting and embroidery. We have lectures on laundry work, and practise, too; but what we all seem to like best is sick-nursing. Perhaps that is because of Miss Belinda Atholl (a dummy figure), our patient, on whom we work. Belinda has suffered from many diseases. At our sick-nursing examination the other day I was told to treat Belinda as a paralysed patient. I had to lift her carefully out of bed, swathed in blankets; I got her wrapped up all right, but (Belinda, I forgot to say, is very fat and heavy) just as I was lifting her out of bed she slipped from my arms and fell on the floor.

The laboratory, where we make up all Belinda's medicine, is very interesting, too. Then there are three Model Houses in Atholl Crescent, in which the Students practise house-keeping; we keep these houses entirely by ourselves, and sometimes we are allowed to cook there, too.

I send my best wishes to every one.

D. REID.



ST. GEORGE'S HALL,  
READING,

*December 5th, 1922.*

DEAR EDITOR,

I have been asked to tell you a little about Reading University College. There are two Halls of Residence for men and four for women, of which St. George's is one. It is about half-a-mile from the College buildings, and accommodates seventy-five students. The College Hall has seating for 2000 people, and the floor is excellent for dancing. Three Students' dances are arranged every term. I will not tell you about the work; we work very hard, but we have many interests. As the Dean of our Faculty expressed it in his speech at the opening of this session, "we come here to have a 'good time' in the true sense of good, rather than to get degrees."

Every Wednesday evening a lecture is given in the College Hall by some prominent person. Sir Gilbert Murray opened the series this term, and in February, Alfred Noyes has promised to come. A Musical Club has been formed to give students a chance of hearing and appreciating good music, and there are other societies—too many to mention.

We play hockey, net-ball, lacrosse and tennis. There is great rivalry for the Sculling Cup every year; St. George's had it last year and hopes to keep it. The final of the inter-Hall Hockey matches was played on November 29th. St. George's won, and we now possess the Hockey Shield. It was a great day in the annals of St. George's (not because she has not won the Shield before, but because the other Halls have twice as many students), and we chaired our Captain and brought her back from the athletic field singing, or rather shouting, "She's a jolly good fellow." Now St. George's has the Hockey Shield and the Sculling Cup, she only wants the Swimming Cup to complete her triumphs this year.

Yours sincerely,

M. E. WOOD.

### MARRIAGES.

WRATHALL—SNOW. On January 14th, at Kingsbury Parish Church, James Wrathall, of Westwood Hall Farm, Leek, the eldest son of Mr. John T. Wrathall, Rolleston Park, Burton-on-Trent, to Annie Brocklehurst Hope Snow, L.R.A.M., the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snow, Cliff House, Kingsbury.

PIERCE—KENT. On October 27th, at the Parish Church, Uttoxeter, John Mason Pierce, Headmaster of the Church of England Schools, Uttoxeter, to Annie Helena Kent, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kent, of Overton, Tean, Stoke-on-Trent.

### DEATH.

On January 4th, 1923, at Doveridge, Ethel Maude Hardy, youngest daughter of the late Richard Hardy, of Marchington Grange, Uttoxeter.